

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.           A communication terminal comprising:  
              a voice input unit which inputs voice;  
              a voice converting unit which converts the  
voice inputted by the voice input unit into a voice  
signal;  
              a character converting unit which converts  
the voice signal converted by said voice converting  
unit into a character signal;  
              a transmitting unit which transmits said  
voice signal and said character signal via a communica-  
tion line; and  
              a control unit which controls said transmit-  
ting unit in such a manner that said transmitting unit  
transmits said voice signal or said character signal in  
response to a condition of said communication line.
2.           A communication terminal according to claim 1  
wherein:  
              said control unit controls said transmitting  
unit in such a manner that said transmitting unit  
transmits said character signal when an error rate of  
said communication line is higher than a predetermined  
value.
3.           A communication terminal according to claim 1  
wherein:  
              said communication terminal is comprised of a  
storage unit for storing therein both said voice  
signal and said character signal.

4. A communication terminal according to claim 3 wherein:

said storage unit stores thereinto time information in combination with said voice signal and said character signal.

5. A communication terminal according to claim 4 wherein:

said communication terminal is comprised of a character input unit which inputs a character, and reads a voice signal from said storage unit in response to time information of a character signal corresponding to the character inputted by said character input unit.

6. A communication terminal comprising:

a voice input unit for inputting voice;

a voice converting unit for converting the voice inputted by the voice input unit into a voice signal;

a picture input unit for inputting a picture signal;

a character converting unit for converting said voice signal into a character signal;

a transmitting unit capable of transmitting said voice signal, said character signal, and said picture signal via a communication line; and

a control unit for controlling said transmitting unit in such a manner that said transmitting unit transmits said voice signal, said character signal, or said picture signal in response to a condition of said

communication line.

7. A communication system for transmitting/receiving a signal between a first communication terminal and a second communication terminal via a communication line, wherein:

said first communication terminal is comprised of: a voice input unit for inputting voice; a voice converting unit for converting the voice inputted by the voice input unit into a voice signal; a character converting unit for converting the voice signal converted by said voice converting unit into a character signal; a transmitting unit capable of transmitting both said voice signal and said character signal via a communication line; and a control unit for controlling said transmitting unit in such a manner that said transmitting unit transmits said voice signal, or said character signal in response to a condition of said communication line; and wherein:

said second communication terminal is comprised of: a receiving unit capable of receiving both a voice signal and a character signal; an output unit for outputting the voice signal received by said receiving unit; and a display unit for displaying thereon the character signal received by said receiving unit.